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(Docket No. 406990)

In re the Application of:

Rakesh Bhakta

Serial No.: 10/040,603

Filed: January 7, 2002

For: Gaming Device with Biometric
System



Customer No. 27717

Art Unit: 2136

Examiner B. Hoffman

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Commissioner for Patent
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DECLARATION OF KIMBERLEY A. DIMINO UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

I, Kimberley A. DiMino, hereby declare:

1. I am the Trademark and Legal Administration Manager, Intellectual Property Department, at IGT, the assignee of the above identified application.
2. I am aware of certain facts, showing diligence, which occurred between July 5, 2001, when a Patent Request submitted by the inventor Rakesh Bhakta was printed at IGT, and January 2, 2002, when I forwarded to outside counsel for applicant, Garrettson Ellis, the executed patent application for filing.
3. On July 5, 2001, a Patent Request submitted by the inventor Rakesh Bhakta was printed at IGT. The Patent Request discloses a gaming machine using smart cards and involves the storage of a set of fingerprints on a smart card or other type of player tracking card. It also discloses the use of fingerprint scanners enclosed within the play buttons on the gaming machines (i.e., cash out, max bet, hold buttons).

When the smart card is inserted and the patron pushes a button, the scanner in the buttons scans the finger and compares that image with the one stored in the smart card to determine if the player matches the smart card. A copy of the Patent Request display, showing that it was disclosed to David Oles by the inventor and submitted on June 26, 2001, is attached as Exhibit 1. Exhibit 1 also shows, on the bottom of both pages, that the Patent Request display was printed on July 5, 2001.

4. IGT is a large corporation, listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the stock symbol IGT. IGT is headquartered in Reno, Nevada and also has an office in Las Vegas, Nevada where the inventor, Rakesh Bhakta, is located.

5. IGT has a Patent Review Committee which meets once a month. One of the purposes of the Patent Review Committee is to review invention disclosures and decide if patent applications should be filed.

6. The Patent Request that is attached as Exhibit 1 was submitted, as soon as possible, in July 2001 for review by the Patent Review Committee. The Committee met in the latter part of July 2001 and approved the preparation of a patent application for the invention disclosed therein. Lena VanAsdale, one of the in-house patent attorneys at IGT was notified. On August 22, 2001, Ms. VanAsdale sent to one of IGT's outside counsel, George H. Gerstman, a fax comprising a letter and including a copy of the Patent Request (Exhibit 1) for Mr. Gerstman's review. A redacted copy of the August 22, 2001 fax and enclosure is attached as Exhibit 2.

7. On August 27, Garry Ellis, one of the outside patent attorneys working with Mr. Gerstman at his law firm, mailed to Ms. VanAsdale at IGT a letter concerning invention record P-699, which is the invention record of the instant application and

which also corresponds to the IGT docket number of the instant application. A redacted copy of Mr. Ellis' August 27, 2001 letter is attached as Exhibit 3.

8. On August 31, 2001, Ms. VanAsdale sent to Mr. Ellis an email advising him to prepare a patent application on the P-699 invention disclosure. A copy of this email is attached as Exhibit 4.

9. On September 15, 2001, Ms. VanAsdale sent an email to the inventor regarding the patent application. On September 17, 2001, the inventor sent Ms. VanAsdale a responding email and later that day on September 17, the inventor sent an additional email to Ms. VanAsdale concerning the patent application. Copies of the September 15 and September 17, 2001 emails are attached as Exhibit 5.

10. I have reviewed Mr. Ellis' Declaration under 37 CFR §1.131 which shows his diligence in connection with preparing a draft patent application between August 31, 2001 and October 15, 2001. In his letter dated October 15, 2001, he enclosed the copy of the draft patent application to the inventor, with copies to Ms. VanAsdale and to me. A copy of Mr. Ellis' October 15, 2001 letter is attached as Exhibit 6.

11. Mr. Ellis' October 15, 2001 letter with the enclosed draft patent application was sent to the inventor at Reno, Nevada. However, the inventor is located in IGT's Las Vegas office, so the papers had to be forwarded to him. In any event, between October 17, 2001 and November 8, 2001, the inventor reviewed the draft patent application and provided comments, which I sent to Mr. Ellis on November 8, 2001. A copy of my November 8, 2001 letter sending Mr. Ellis comments and revisions to the application (without the disclosure) is attached as Exhibit 7.

12. On November 19, 2001, the inventor sent to Mr. Ellis an email relating to information pertinent to the invention. A copy of the inventor's November 19, 2001 email is attached as Exhibit 8.

13. On November 20, 2001, Mr. Ellis sent to the inventor a revised draft of the patent application, responsive to his comments and to a telephone conversation. Mr. Ellis' November 20, 2001 letter to the inventor with copies to Ms. VanAsdale and to me is attached as Exhibit 9. He sent the letter to the inventor at IGT's Reno, Nevada address, although the inventor was located in Las Vegas, and the papers had to be forwarded to him from Reno to Las Vegas.

14. Although the November 20, 2001 letter from Mr. Ellis was probably received at IGT's offices in Reno on November 21, 2001, it had to be mailed to the inventor in Las Vegas. However, November 22, 2001 was Thanksgiving so there was a intervening holiday and IGT was closed from November 22, 2001 to November 25, 2001.

15. When the inventor returned, he reviewed the patent application papers and signed the assignment document on December 6, 2001, inadvertently omitting signing the Declaration. He then mailed the application papers with the signed Assignment from his office at Las Vegas to me in Reno. A copy of the signed Assignment is attached as Exhibit 10. Upon receiving the papers, I noted that the Declaration was unsigned. I sent the papers back to the inventor, from my office in Reno to his office in Las Vegas, for signature. The inventor then signed the Declaration on December 18, 2001. See Exhibit 11. The inventor then sent the signed papers back to me. However, this was the Christmas time period when the mail was slow and many

people at IGT are on vacation. Although the signed papers were mailed to me from Las Vegas to Reno, the New Years holiday intervened but on the day after New Years, January 2, 2002, I forwarded the papers to Mr. Ellis for filing. A copy of my January 2, 2002 letter with which the papers were forwarded to Mr. Ellis, is attached as Exhibit 12. Exhibit 12 shows that my letter with the documents was received by Mr. Gerstman on January 3, 2002.

16. Mr. Gerstman had the transmittal papers prepared and on Monday, January 7, 2002, Mr. Gerstman forwarded the patent application to the PTO via Express Mail. The patent application was given the January 7, 2002 filing date. A copy of the transmittal letter is attached as Exhibit 13.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Patent Request Display

Submit Date 06/26/2001

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Title player identification

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Background BACKGROUND OF INVENTION to make it possible for a casino to keep a track of players using a gaming machine by using the smart card on a player tracking unit or gaming machine

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machine and being able to record that presence for future reference.

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Via Facsimile

TO: George Gerstman, Esq.

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FROM: Lena T. Van Asdale
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IGT
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DATE: August 22, 2001

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EXHIBIT 2



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August 22, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE

George H. Gerstman, Esq.
Seyfarth Shaw
55 East Monroe
Suite 4200
Chicago, Illinois 60603-5803

Re: New Invention Disclosure
Entitled: "Player Identification"
Our File No.: P-699

Dear George:

Please find attached the above-identified invention disclosure.

1. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the inventor Rakesh Bhakta directly at (702) 896-8261.

Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (775) 448-7775.

Very truly yours,

Lena T. Van Asdale
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Kimberley DiMino

ACKNOWLEDGED, RECEIVED AND AGREED TO:

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Date: Aug 22, 2001

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August 27, 2001

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED

Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq.
Associate General Counsel
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Re: New Invention Record P 699 and case P 220

Dear Lena:

You wrote George on August 22, 2001 asking him to review the invention disclosure P 699 and application P 220, and George handed it on to me.

I think Mr. Bhakta does disclose something new in his invention record P 699: particularly his suggestion of putting fingerprint scanners within the play buttons on a gaming machine. Thus, the identity of the player is automatically confirmed as against the identity on the smart card the person is using.

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Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq.
August 27, 2001
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Cordially yours,

SEYFARTH, SHAW

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Garrettson Ellis".

Garrettson Ellis

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cc: Kimberley A. DiMino, Esq.
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From: "VanAsdale.Lena" <Lena.VanAsdale@IGT.com>
To: "gellis@seyfarth.com" <gellis@seyfarth.com>
Date: 8/31/01 4:25PM
Subject: P-699 "Player Identification"

Please proceed and prepare a separate patent application for the above-identified invention disclosure.

Lena

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VanAsdale.Lena

From: Bhakta.Rakesh
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2001 9:34 AM
To: VanAsdale.Lena
Subject: RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

I've been told that the feature is not being displayed at the show

-----Original Message-----

From: VanAsdale.Lena
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2001 8:54 AM
To: Bhakta.Rakesh
Subject: RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

The attorney handling your patent application is Garry Ellis at Seyfarth Shaw in Chicago. His phone number is 312-269-8518.

With respect to the filing deadline of P-699, what I need to know is whether this feature will be displayed at the show. Please find that out for me. Thanks.

Lena

-----Original Message-----

From: Bhakta.Rakesh
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2001 8:52 AM
To: VanAsdale.Lena
Subject: RE: P-699 "Player Identification"

I don't know however. I would like the phone number of the attorney who contacted me as I accidentally erased the message he left me

thanks

Rakesh

-----Original Message-----

From: VanAsdale.Lena
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2001 10:06 AM
To: Bhakta.Rakesh
Cc: Dimino.Kimberley.A
Subject: P-699 "Player Identification"

Please let me know if this patent application needs to be filed before the show.

Thanks.

Lena

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October 15, 2001

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Rakesh Bhakta
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*Re: Your Ref.: P-699
GAMING DEVICE WITH BIOMETRIC SYSTEM
Our Case No.: 406990*

Dear Rakesh:

Enclosed is a draft patent application covering your invention. When you have reviewed it, please let me have any comments that you may have with respect to additions or corrections. Please feel free to telephone me with your comments so that we can speed up the filing.

When the application is in condition for filing, Kimberley DiMino can help you to execute it properly, and she can also assist in getting the application back to us for filing.

Cordially yours,

SEYFARTH, SHAW



Garrettson Ellis

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Enclosures

cc: Lena T. Van Asdale, Esq. (w/enclosure)
Ms. Kimberley A. DiMino (w/enclosure)

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November 8, 2001

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Draft Patent Application
For: Gaming Device With Biometric System
Our File: P-699
Your File: 406990

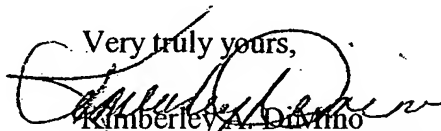
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for your letter dated October 15, 2001, regarding the above-entitled draft Patent Application. Please note that I am enclosing comments and revisions to the existing application made by the inventor to the application for your information. Please review these comments and make the changes you think are appropriate. I would appreciate your sending all formal documents and final drafts of the application directly to me, so that I can expedite the return of the formal documents to you for filing with the U.S. Patent Office. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lena Van Asdale directly at (775) 448-7775 or myself at (775) 448-1438 to discuss.

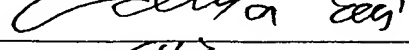
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Date: 11/19/01 2:05PM
Subject: Biometrics-Key text

Gary

here is a link to a some information on capacitive scanning.

If you refer to the paragraph on Finger scanning it will give you an idea about what I was referring too.

Rakesh Bhakta
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<http://www.science.org.au/nova/064/064key.htm>
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November 20, 2001

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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Re: Your Ref. P-699
Gaming Device with Biometrics System
Our Case No. 406990


Dear Rakesh:

Enclosed is the revised draft patent application, responsive to your comments in writing on the draft and in our telephone conversation. Please let me know if you have any other comments.

If the application meets with your approval, please execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney, plus the Assignment, which should be executed before a notary, Kimberley DiMino can help you in this, and she can also assist in getting the application to us for filing.

Cordially yours,

SEYFARTH SHAW

By 

Garrettson Ellis

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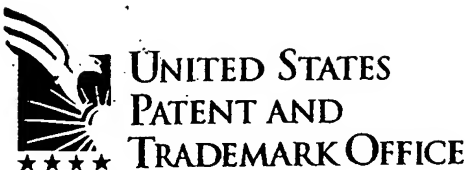
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Rakesh Bhakta

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2. NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:

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10/040,603

ADDITIONAL NUMBERS ATTACHED? ☐ YES ☒ NO

B. PATENT NUMBER(S)

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING DOCUMENT SHOULD BE MAILED:

George H. Gerstman, Esq.
Seyfarth, Shaw
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Chicago, Illinois 60603
USA

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George H. Gerstman, Reg. No. 22,419

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ASSIGNMENT

Docket No. 406990

Serial No.

Filed:

Rakesh Bhakta hereinafter the assignor, for good and valuable consideration, hereby assigns to IGT, a Nevada corporation, hereinafter the assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the assignor disclosed in an application for Patent of the United States, identified as Case No. 406990 in the offices of Seyfarth Shaw, 55 East Monroe, Chicago, Illinois 60603 and entitled GAMING DEVICE WITH BIOMETRIC SYSTEM in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the assignor may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be obtained on any of said applications and in any reissue or extension of such patents.

The assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Patent to said assignee.

The assignor warrants himself to be the owner of the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements and to have the right to make this assignment, and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other encumbrances on the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the assignor hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary declaration, oath, or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements that said assignee, its successors, or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the assignor further agrees, upon the request of said assignee, its successors, or assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the assignor with said assignee, its successors, or assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such application or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts necessary to obtain and enforce said Patent, both United states and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the

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Date: 12/06/01

Rakesh Bhakta
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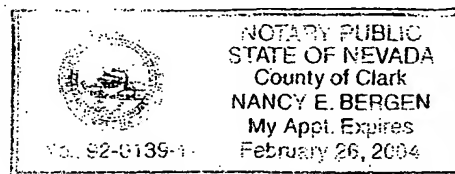
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On this 6th day of December, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Rakesh Bhakta, to me personally known to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the use and purpose therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Nancy E. Bergen
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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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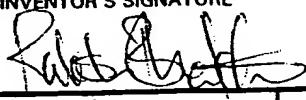
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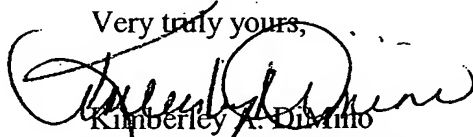
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Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for your letter dated November 20, 2001, regarding the above-entitled patent application. Please note that I am enclosing (1) an original Declaration and Assignment document, which has been fully executed by the inventor to the application for filing with the U.S. Patent Office. Please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and documents by executing the acknowledgement block at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to me via facsimile at (775) 448-0120.

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Sir:

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Our check in the amount of \$932 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

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Sincerely yours,

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